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- 4. Substitute drawings (8 sheets) that are believed to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 to the extent required by OIPE for publication.

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- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
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- The balance due by applicant is \$ 954.

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- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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